



THE WITNESS

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Children's Books Go to Guatemala

The Church and Society Committee is spreading literacy beyond our borders. The committee recently purchased Spanish-language children's books for Steve and Bonnie Laycock to take on their

trip to Guatemala. A group of travelers left Feb. 15 to build fuel efficient stoves for Mayan families. Many homes the Laycocks help have no books, and some local schools have very few. These books are sure to be loved and shared by many!



Lent, Holy Week and Easter

Noonday Prayer
12:10 p.m. each Friday
through March 31,
Sanctuary

Children's Egg Hunt
10 a.m. April 1,
Laurel Park

Palm Sunday worship
April 2
8:30 & 11 a.m., Sanctuary
9:05 a.m., Great Hall

**Maundy Thursday
worship**
6:30 p.m. April 6

Good Friday worship
6:30 p.m. April 7

Easter worship
April 9
8:30 & 11 a.m., Sanctuary
9:05 a.m., Great Hall

Noonday Prayer Set During Lent 2023

In order to set aside more time for prayer during the season of Lent, Conway First United Methodist Church will offer a service of Noonday Prayer at 12:10 p.m. each Friday from Feb. 24 through March 31.

Each of these meditative services lasts approximately 30 to 40 minutes, and includes, besides the customary prayers, a brief lesson from Scripture, the recitation of Psalm 130, and one hymn.

Central to our Lenten Noondays is an opportunity for private prayer and contemplation. Each week, an organist from Central Arkansas will play three works from the repertoire which are especially conducive to personal reflection, prayer, and introspection. Each work will express one of the appointed weekly themes: Prayer, Service, Forgiveness, Trust, Hope, and Discipleship.

Last year was our first to offer regular Noonday Prayer on Lenten Fridays, and it was very well received not only by parishioners of FUMC, but also by many in the Conway community who also incorporated these meaningful opportunities for prayer into their personal Lenten discipline. All are welcome to attend as you are able.

Ozark Mission Project Neighbors Needed for Summer

Conway FUMC is hosting a week of Ozark Mission Project this summer, on June 25-30! Volunteers will be needed, but for now, we are looking for neighbors to serve!

If you know of any person or organization in the Faulkner County (or surrounding) areas that could use a group to paint, clean, build a wheelchair ramp, work on a deck/handrails, or even just someone who could use a group of teens to talk with for a day, we would love for them to apply to have a project done!

Project applications are available at the reception desk in the hospitality area of the Sanctuary building.

All applications are due by May 1. If you have any questions, contact Amy Shores at ashores@conwayfumc.org.



Updates Needed for New Guidebook

In preparation for printing a new church Guidebook and Directory, we are asking all full members of the church to send us any recent changes in mailing address, phone numbers, emails, etc. This will help us to provide the most accurate publication possible.

The publishing company was unable to produce books in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to Covid and other deadline issues we were unable to meet.

You may email changes to Colleen Holt at cholt@conwayfumc.org.

IT Help Needed to Study Church Network

If you have any expertise in Information Technology (IT) matters, we would love your help on an informal task force to investigate, upgrade or just work through IT issues within the church's networking infrastructure.

Those wishing to help are asked to contact Rev. Nathan Kilbourne at nkilbourne@conwayfumc.org.



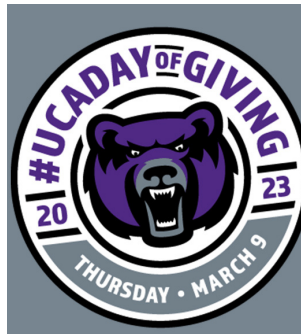
Wesley Foundation Joins UCA Day of Giving

For the first time ever, the University of Central Arkansas Wesley Foundation has been invited to participate in the UCA Day of Giving!

As a direct ministry of FUMC Conway, the Wesley Foundation supports college students/young adults in the Conway area by providing weekly Bible studies, worship services, and fellowship and outreach events. Amy Shores is campus director of the Wesley Foundation.

Gifts given on the UCA Day of Giving will help pay for things like gas for mission trips, meals for students, and Bible Study curriculum!

If you'd like to give to the Wesley Foundation on March 9, you can visit our direct link at uca.edu/go/DOGWesley. Thanks for your support!



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**
for
MARCH 9



Making Valentines

Students at the University of Central Arkansas Wesley Foundation gathered recently to make Valentine's Day cards and cookies for our FUMC Homebound friends.



Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, Feb. 5, was a great day in worship, as 11 members of our MidYouth were confirmed as full members of the church. Those confirmed were Simon Todd Abel, Jackson Powell Cole, Aaron David Emmerling, Brock Dawson Fimple, Maddox Gass, Marcus Allen Jolley, Wesley Brian Moyer, Daylee Joan Mulhearn, Smith Hayes Mulhearn, Lily Grace Schrick and Isaiah Scott Smittle.

(Photo at left) Several members of the confirmation class at a celebration brunch.

Formal Wear Shopping Event Discontinued

The Missions Committee is announcing that the church will NO longer be hosting the Free Formal Wear Shopping Event. Therefore, we will NOT be in need of or accepting formal wear donations any longer.

We appreciate the membership and community's support of this ministry over the years and could not have held the event without your help. All our dresses were donated to other smaller schools that have a greater need of assistance.



Alternative donation sites are: Warehouse of Hope/Antioch Baptist Church; Vilonia High School; Nemo Vista High School and Community Center; Rose Bud High School.

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In Honor & In Memory

In memory of Dustin Lea's 40th birthday by: Ed & Mona Lea

In memory of Joel Lane by: Lorie March, Mackey & Cindy Yokem, Pam Wren

In memory of Sue Jones by: Margaret Taverner

In memory of Chuck Hill by: Jim & Karen Foust

In memory of Gene Jacob by: Pam Wren

In honor of Sam Teague by: Margaret Taverner, Rick & Becky Rasnick

In honor of Kish Jones by: Charles Pittman

In honor of The Stephen & Jennifer Campbell Family by: Lewis Campbell

In honor of Conway FUMC Church Staff by: Bill & Cecilia Patterson

Sunday Worship

In-person:

8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
9:05 a.m. in the Great Hall
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9:05 and 11 a.m.
services are
livestreamed.

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